

XV.—FURTHER REPORT ON THE NESTING OF
GEOCICHLA C. CITRINA LATH. IN 24-PARGANAS
(BENGAL).

I had on two previous occasions (*J.B.N.H.S.*, xxxvi, 501-2; *Ibis*, twelfth series, i, 778) recorded my observations on the nesting of *Geocichla c. citrina* Lath. in the district of 24-Parganas. I have now to report further instances which came to my notice:

July 2, 1935. Two young secured near Dum Dum from a nest in a mango tree.

July 10, 1935. A clutch of four fledgelings, also another clutch of two young: locally procured by a bird-catcher and brought for sale to the bird fair on the occasion of the Car Festival.

July 14, 1935. Nest with two young found in a bamboo clump in a place called Kerati near Dum Dum Aerodrome. One young ♀ still thriving in my aviary.

August 28, 1935. A nest found near Dum Dum Aerodrome with two young just hatched out.

It appears that protracted drought and exceptional weather conditions due to belated monsoon prolonged the period of nesting.

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XVI.—THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE KASHMIR ROLLER.
(*CORACIAS GARRULA SEMENOWI* LOUDON & TSCHUSI).

In October 1935, Br. A. Navarro, s.j., of the St. Xavier's College Museum, obtained two specimens of the Kashmir Roller (*Coracias garrula semenowi*) at Khandalla. As the *New Fauna* limits this bird to an area in North and North-Western India, the following records of its occurrence in Peninsular India may be of interest.

Davidson (*J.B.N.H.S.*, xii, 43) records a single specimen from Majoli, 5 miles north of Karwar, in November 1893. In the Bombay Natural History Society collection there are two skins obtained by T. R. Bell at Karwar in October 1898.

At a meeting of the Society held on 24th April 1900, E. H. Aitken mentioned the *European Roller* as one of the birds 'not usually found in or near Bombay, which had appeared that year, owing no doubt to the want of water and food in Guzerat and the Deccan' (*J.B.N.H.S.*, xiii, 398).

These records seem to show that the Kashmir Roller is a more or less regular visitor to the south along the line of the Western Ghats. In the field this bird may be distinguished from the Indian Roller or Blue-jay (*C. benghalensis*) by the absence of the large brown patch on the upper breast.

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